

MEETING SUMMARY

January 13, 2026

Suffolk County EMS, Yaphank, NY 11980

NOTE: This summary is a draft summary until approved at the March 10, 2026, meeting.

Members Present: See attendance list, provided as *attachment 1*. Subcommittees attendance, see *attachment 2*.

Meeting opened at 1904hrs with Chairman Boyd presiding. Chairman Boyd lead the group in the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence. Chairman Boyd asked those present to introduce themselves to the group.

Chairman Boyd asked for a motion to approve the November 18, 2025, REMSCO meetings minutes as distributed. The motion was made by Dr. Marshall and seconded by Dr. Winslow. The motion passed without opposition.

Executive Officer's Report – E. Boyd

- Chairman Boyd reported that the TOA that was expected for this meeting is delayed at the state level and will be postponed to the March meeting.
- Secretary Hannigan continues to work on the reimbursement from NYS, we believe we are getting close.
- There are still some sponsorship positions that are open for the Lateulere Conference. There are two gold open at \$1500 each, four silver at \$1000 each and four bronze at \$500 each. Chairman Boyd asks members to think of any potential sponsors and share the information with them.

Vicechair's Report – M. Zender

- No report.

Budget – T. Prendergast

- Opening balance \$542.47; Deposits: one check from Catholic Health for their TOA of \$ 5,000 and one check from Integrated Wireless Technologies for \$ 1,000 for the conference. No other credits or disbursements were made. Note: \$15 monthly service charge due to balance being under \$2000. Closing balance \$6,527.47.
- Dr. Winslow stated the Language Line is down due to the payments being in arrears.

Suffolk County EMS Division Staff Reports – Dr. Winslow/D. Wayrich/S. Januszkiewicz/P. Marra

- Dr. Winslow reported the following:
 - “First, from the Public Health perspective, the last several weeks have had a relative decrease in the number and severity of cases of influenza, however many of the hospitals are reporting that they are at full capacity. Public health experts continue to recommend influenza vaccination for health care personnel - which includes EMS providers as a means of protection – one vaccination is recommended per year in September but if anyone out there has not gotten a flu shot this yet year they should consider it now.
 - Dina Wayrich is going to cover the Program Agency report and the report on the SEMSCO Training and Education Committee. Thank you, Dina, for representing Suffolk County at those meetings.
 - Some important upcoming dates for 2026 from New York State – May 19 is the date for the next EMS Memorial in Albany and the 2026 Vital Signs Conference is scheduled for November 10 through 14 in Niagara Falls. The next meetings of the State Council are February 24 and 25 in Saratoga.
 - My full report on the State Council is 3 pages long and will be submitted in writing and added to the minutes, so to keep it short here I will share the highlights.
 - The new blood administration guidelines for ground EMS agencies is still under development, more from the State later this year after the guidelines are completed and have gone out for public comment.
 - The National Registry website is now working properly once again so that anyone that uses National Registry to certify in New York State via the alternate pathway should be able to complete the process in about 2 weeks. This would also apply to out-of-state applicants.
 - The Medical Standards Committee discussed the NYS Collaborative Protocol update for July 2026. There are 2 new OBGYN protocols – one for maternal hemorrhage to administer TXA and Oxytocin another for preeclampsia to administer Magnesium. Also, Olanzapine is moving to standing orders for the Paramedic, IV Acetaminophen and IV Ondansetron administration will be approved for the Advanced EMT, and PO Ibuprofen and PO Acetaminophen administration will be approved for the EMT-Basic. And for RSI

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Paramedics, the dose of Rocuronium will be raised 1.5mg/kg. There will be further discussion and a vote at the February meetings to approve the updates to the Protocols which would be going into effect in July.

- Dr Winslow discussed a new pilot project for Paramedics to administer Keppra for status epilepticus and there was support from the Med Standards physicians. This will be a joint project with Nassau County, Suffolk County and REMO. More on that after the next meeting of the State Council in February – when the proposal should be approved. Thank you to Cole Darienzo of Commack VAC and Dr David Neubert for their work on this project.
- SEMSCO discussed term limits and clarified that a member may serve a maximum of 4 terms that are 2 years in length. These term limits do not apply to SEMAC which was also discussed. The new SEMSCO Officers for 2026 shall be Chair – Beth McGown, First Vice Chair – Tim Egan, and Second Vice Chair – Al Kim. Congratulations to all three officers and thank you to the outgoing officers David Violante and Don Hudson for their service on State Council. Otherwise, there was no new business conducted at SEMSCO.
- Ms. Wayrich reported the following on Program Agency:
 - State exam accommodation requires a separate registration, please pass that along to students who request a AHA accommodation.
 - New state exam will be more in line with National Standards expected to launch in the first or second quarter of 2026.
 - Independent CME paperwork is being submitted with missing signatures. Regionally, see memo from Commissioner Sunderman from 9.24.25
 - State working on new CME manual to be discussed at next state council. After this new manual is released, there will be discussions on changing hours and/or mandatory topics
 - A Field Training Officer’s class at the Vital Sign’s Conference was a success, comments being reviewed on how to deploy regionally.
 - A TAG CC advisory group was formed, they are looking at what the commissioner said as well as what impacts a sunset would have on the state. That will be packaged and presented at State Council when it is completed. Currently, no sunset date. Bridge has 450 students completed it and 100 currently enrolled. Final Bridge class is 3.5.26 ends 6.3.27. As of last week the CC’s in the state received individual emails/phone calls from the Division of EMS. Trying to make sure every voice heard. Appx 180 phone calls were made. As of last week, every CC in the state has gotten a phone call or an email.
 - An RSI TAG was formed and will be looking for best practices around the state for training and credentialing.
 - Draft protocols discussed, nothing outside anyone’s scope of practice.
 - The PSE TAG is working on EMT original PSE’s.
 - The state is looking at “What is the role of Agencies in mentoring newly certified providers?”
- Mr. Januszkiwicz reported the following on education:
 - EMT Original Course at Exchange Ambulance opened last week and is up and running. Opening an additional EMT-Original next week at Bay Shore Brightwaters Ambulance
 - Round 2 of the BLS Core Content Online CME is up and running. Providers in need should reach out to the division for registration codes.
 - In-Person CME schedule is set for the year and posted on the website. We made a change where you can click a link at the top of the page for all SCEMS offerings and it will take you directly to the bookings link to register. Please remind all providers about these opportunities
 - We sent out a memo to all EMS agencies in the county reminding them we are here to assist with CME and Recertification Processing. Asking all to spread the word about improvements made in the process over the last year.
 - This past weekend we completed our first AHA Instructor Course of the year. Course was well attended and we now have 25 new instructors working through the clearing process.
 - Working on a few last-minute logistical items for an upcoming Hybrid CFR course to begin in April. Hoping to be able to submit for state approval this week.
 - Instructor Update Course (two sessions) to be held at SCEMS coming up at the end of next week, Sunday January 25th or Monday January 26th

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- There are still seats available for the upcoming EMS Officer and Leadership Course in conjunction with the SCFA being held at Mastic Ambulance Monday January 26th and Monday February 2nd, must attend both sessions to receive certificate, registration is through SCFA website.
- We already have an additional EMS Leadership Course scheduled for Wednesday February 11th and Thursday February 12th at Stony Brook University. This class will be held at Frey Hall in Room 104. Registration is also through the SCFA website.
- EMS Division Staff is once again supporting the Selden FASNY EMS Conference. We will be providing Core and Non-Core CME content for the Pre-Conference Day on Friday January 23rd. Memo was sent to all agencies with flyer and registration information. Providers should visit the FASNY website to register.
- We would like to start marketing the Lateluere Conference and promoting the excellent training opportunities it will bring. We ask that all members work to actively share social media posts once they go up to increase attendance.
- Mr. Marra reported the following:
 - Reminder to all agencies reference medical control and CPR Saves. Please make sure your members are making a post call on all cardiac arrests and all advanced airway placements, especially if they intend to submit for the award.
 - To validate the current list of authorized providers in Suffolk County, please complete the roster at your earliest convenience. This roster may be used for your New York State Renewal, so we suggest that agencies retain a copy and update that document for the Bi-annual Agency Operating Certificate renewal. Agency roster has been posted under the REMAC tab of the Suffolk County REMSCO Page, once completed we ask that you send it to QAQI@suffolkcountyny.gov
 - Reminder, the Semiannual Controlled Substance documentation needs to be complete and submitted prior to the end of January 2026.
 - The annual PAD Survey will be going out shortly, we have created a QR code for our new online form, please complete the form as early as possible.
 - Blood is available on the helicopter; Agencies should remember not to delay transport if aviation is not readily available. Please remember to follow current trauma triage guidelines.
 - Part 800.24 Equipment requirements for certified Ambulances takes effect 4/22/26
 - Part 800.26 EASV requirements will take effect 10/22/2026
 - CISM team assisted with 22 requests for 2025, and Mr. Marra thanks all the team members for their service and dedication.

SEMSCO Representative Report- M. Miller-McEvoy:

- Ms. Miller-McEvoy's was not present at the state meeting, but Dr. Winslow gave a report. It can be found here as *attachment 3*.

Joint Commission on the Use of Lights and Sirens- Dr. Marshall

- Dr. Marshall reported that there is no update, but the state is looking into the topic as well and he is waiting to see what they report. He urges agencies to not use lights and sirens when they are not warranted for safety. There is a lot of research available on the topic.

Education and Training

- No report.

Resource Needs- E. Boyd

- Still waiting for the TOA from the state, otherwise nothing to report.

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Communications and Technology- G. Miniutti

- Mr. Miniutti reported that the Communications and Technology Subcommittee has only three members, please consider joining.
- Mr. Miniutti is looking into all the PSAPs in the county and checking compliance to the REMSCO Response Protocol, in particular the crew and mutual aid portions.
- The committee is looking into the ability to integrate and supplement radio technology with broadband; allowing integration of the radio system with smart devices.
- They will also look at the high frequency backup and failsafe systems that hospitals are supposed to have in place.

Nominations Committee – S. Slovensky

- Mr. Slovensky had no report to give. Chairman Boyd asked how the auditing of member attendance is going, and Mr. Slovensky reported that one issue was identified and remedied. The topic will be revisited in six months.
- Legislature Thorne was announced as the new alternate for Legislature Donnelly.

REMAC – Dr. Marshall

- Dr. Marshall asks that all agencies fill out the excel template that was provided on the website so REMAC can have accurate records of agency information. Please fill it out.
- He reported that he expects the edits on the collaborative protocols to be completed in February for implementation in July.
- Dr. Marshall asks that providers please register with the county, the link is on the REMSCO website.
- REMAC and REMSCO will no longer be issuing REMAC Credentialing Cards. Agencies and course sponsors should no longer ask for them as a requirement.
- The BLS Igel policy is out from NYS, the region will have some guidance soon. A proposed template and the process will be discussed at REMAC.

Legislative Report- R. Franz

- Mr. Franz reported:
 - Vetoed by Governor.
 - S1515 / A2177A -The bill removes EMS from the limit on real property tax levies by local governments. Passed the Senate and Assembly in early June 2025 (Senator May / Assemblywoman Lupardo). Delivered to the Governor 12/8/25. Vetoed by the Governor on 12/19/25.
 - S31/A34: The bill passed the Senate and the Assembly. The bill provides that the NYS thruway authority shall issue permits for ambulances and fire vehicles for toll exemptions when engaged in emergency operations. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator Comrie / Assemblyman Eachus). Delivered to the Governor 12/1/25. Vetoed by the Governor on 12/5/25.
 - Signed by the Governor.
 - S7501A /A8086A – The bill directs Counties, in coordination with their regional emergency services councils, to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans that provide for coordinated emergency medical systems within such counties. The planning process shall include cities, towns and villages within their jurisdiction. The plan shall be completed within six months. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. Passed the Senate and Assembly in early June 2025 (Senator May / Assemblyman Otis). Delivered to the Governor 12/8/25. Signed by the Governor on 12/19/25 - Chap 703.
 - S688A / A5619A – The bill allows the extension of property tax exemptions to surviving un-remarried spouses of fallen (killed in LOD) volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers with 2 to 5 years of service and such volunteer was receiving the exemption prior to their death.

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 Delivered to the Governor 12/1/25. Signed by the Governor on 12/5/25 - Chap 592.

- State of State: Governor Hochul gave her State of State address this afternoon and usually the executive 2026 budget is released two weeks thereafter at which time we will know if any EMS related Items are included.
- Legislation and Public Policy Issues – NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association
 - On 1/9/26 NYSVARA held a zoom Town Hall Meeting and reviewed outcomes from 2025 NYS Legislative Session and presented an update of Federal government EMS activities and preview the NYSVARA 2026 NYS Public Policy Agenda which can be found s on their website. NYS Senator Mayer and Assemblyman Otis who are strong advocates of EMS spoke at the meeting and Ryan Greenberg, NYS DOH Division of EMS Chief was also present.

Bylaws– B. Talmage

- Mr. Talmage went through all the proposed changes to the bylaws. They can be viewed in their entirety here as *attachment 4*.
- There was discussion on the proposed changes, as well as suggestions from the membership. The bylaws were sent back to the Bylaw Subcommittee for further revision.

Public Information- J. Manzi

- Mr. Manzi reported the next CPR and Trauma Save Awards will be on May 9, 2026. The location is still TBD. Anyone who wishes to help, please reach out to Mr. Manzi. Help is needed.
- Chairman Boyd reminded the group that there is a hard deadline for application of the CPR and Trauma Save Awards, and the REMSCO will be sticking to it. This includes if the patient has not been discharged by the deadline.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Dr. Winslow made a motion that the May REMSCO meeting date be moved to May 19 to avoid a conflict with State Council. It was seconded by Mr. Talmage. The motion passed without opposition.
- Mr. Boyd reminded the membership that the dates for next year's meetings are: March 10, May 19, July 14 (possibly as a joint meeting with REMAC), September 8, and November 10, 2026.
- Chairman Boyd asked the membership if they would like to have a joint meeting with REMAC in July, and the membership answered yes with no opposition. Dr. Marshall stated that REMAC will discuss at their next meeting as well.
- Dr. Winslow made a motion and asked for a letter from Chairman Boyd for a letter from the REMSCO that can be used by FRES for the purposes of securing vendors for the Lateulere Conference. Mr. Boyd seconded that motion and it passed without opposition.
- Mr. Marra asked the REMSCO to reconsider and reevaluate it's TOA and similar fee schedule. A considerable amount of work goes into each of these items, and surrounding REMSCOs do charge for the services. He asks that the membership think about the proposal and the membership discuss it at the March meeting.
- Mr. Marra asks that REMSCO consider upgrading the website. Research needs to be done on cost and alternative LMS platforms. He asks that the membership thinks about the topic for the next meeting.
- Legislature Thorne reminded the group that EMS week this year is May 19, 2026. He asks that the membership help with nominations of one provider from each district to receive acknowledgement for their work in the field.

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- Legislature Thorne also reported that last year Suffolk County Legislature passed a “Halo Law” which requires anyone with cameras remain fifteen feet away from police and EMS. If providers encounter anyone breaking that law, they should inform police, as it is a current law in the county and must be followed.
- Legislature Thorne also reported that AEDs are being given out to houses of worship throughout the county and these locations are becoming PAD locations and going into Pulse Point. He thanks Suffolk EMS and FRES for the work they have been putting into this program.
- Legislature Thorne also reported that last year the legislature put fire and EMS personnel in the affordable housing category. When members see new buildings going into their areas, that is the time to reach out to the legislature to ensure housing is included in the plans for fire and EMS personnel. This is a move to help with recruitment and retention in the county.
- Mr. Leiderman stated that he is not available for the July 14, 2026, joint meeting at his firehouse and asks that the meeting date be moved to July 21 instead. The membership was in agreement.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leiderman, seconded by Dr. Marshall, at 2028 hrs.

**Next meetings of the Suffolk Regional EMS Council will be on
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
7:00 PM
SCEMS, 360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 1B, Yaphank NY 11980.**

ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

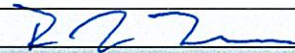
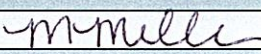




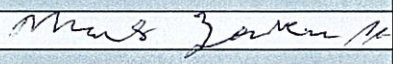
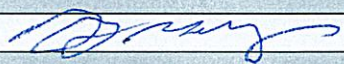
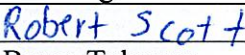
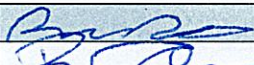

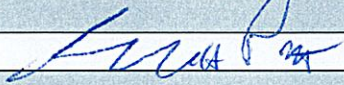

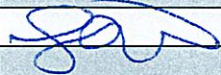
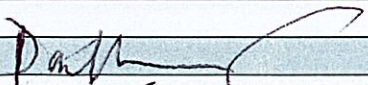


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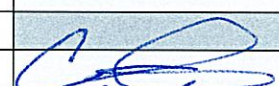
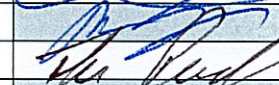
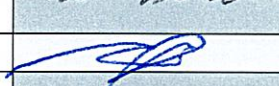

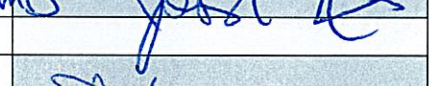
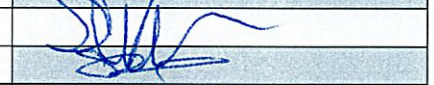

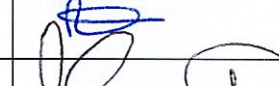
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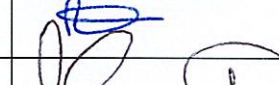
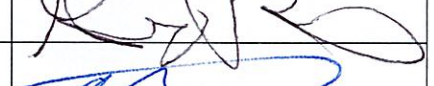
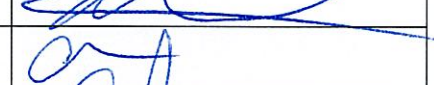

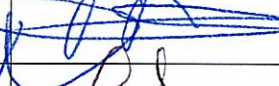
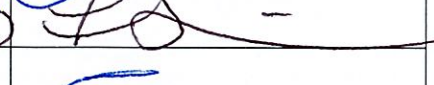





MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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Constituency	Representative/ Alternate	Signature
UCP of Greater Suffolk	Robin Lane	
	Patricia Caso	
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council	Michele Miller-McEvoy	Excused 
	Frank Milza	Excused
Commercial Transport Sector	Joseph Cutrone	
		
East End Ambulance Coalition	Katie Hand	
		
Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Coalition	Martin Leiderman	
North Fork Volunteer Rescue Association	Jerry Diffley	
	Peggy Killian	
NYS Society of Physician Assistants	Mark Zender, PA-C	
NYSVARA, District 7	Robert Franz	
	Edward Merchant	
Sun River Health	Angelo Viera	
	Carlos Ortiz	
Southampton Town EMS Advisory Committee	Ian King	
		
Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs Association	Bruce Talmage	
	Amanda Zinicki-Ceckowski	
Suffolk County Department of Health Services Commissioner	Dr. Gregson Pigott	
Suffolk County Community College	Matt Zukosky	
	Brianna Gladding	
Suffolk County EMS Coordinator	Paul Marra	
Suffolk County EMS Medical Director	Dr. Jason Winslow	
Suffolk County Emergency Nurses Association	Connie Kraft, RN	
	Donna Rivera, RN	
Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council	Edward Boyd, Esq.	
Suffolk County Fire District Association	John Manzi	
	Raymond Reilly	

Suffolk County FRES	Gregory Miniutti	
	Steve Januszkewicz	
Suffolk County FRES Commission	Bryan Prosek	
	Frank Boneventre	
Suffolk County Legislature	Hon. Tom Donnelly	
	Bill Shilling	
Suffolk County Medical Control	Christopher Gallway	
	Stephen Slovensky	
Suffolk County Police Department	Dr. James Vosswinkel	
	Peter DiPrima	
Islip Town Ambulance Chiefs Association	Scott Crosby	
Northwell Health / South Shore University Hospital	Cono Cimino	
	Roy Smith	
Suffolk County Volunteer Fireman's Association	Thomas Prendergast	
Suffolk REMAC	Dr. R. Trevor Marshall	
	Dr. Jack Geffken	
Catholic Health Services of Long Island	Dr. Eric Decena	
	Winston Lee Joseph Zito MD	
Suffolk RTAC	Susan Henderson	
	Dr. Rich Scriven	
University Hospital EMS	Stephen Slovensky	
	Shawn Edouard	

GUEST NAME	AFFILIATION	SIGNATURE
Roy Smith	FRES	
George Donsy	EAS	
LEG Thomas	SC Legislator	
Christopher Klen	Northwell	
Tom Jones	Northwell	
Paul Shepherd	Northwell	
Frank Smiruno	Middle Island FD	
Coccy Rowe	St. Paul's Trauma	
Angel Kerns	Son River Health	
Stephanie Morgan	Forge Health / KPC	
Doreen Weygan	PA	

State Council Report from December 8 – 10, 2025

Deputy Chief Wayrich will give the report on the Program Agencies and the Training and Education Committee report. Thank you Dina.

Division of EMS Report from Director Greenberg – this report was given both at SEMAC and at SEMSCO

Operations – now are 3 bureaus within the NYS DOH EMS Division – one for Administration led by Lynn Farruggia, one for Emergency Management led by Steve Brucato and one for Standards and Licensure led by Barbara Steigenwald. There are also several open positions with the NYS DOH Division of EMS - if anyone is interested there are job postings on their webpage. The Surge Center is available as a resource for hospitals to assist with facility surge, bedspace availability, and patient reallocation and movement.

Education – the National Registry website is now updated and certifications are being processed much faster at this time – it takes about 2 weeks to process a NYS certification for an EMS provider who is certifying through the alternate pathway by using National Registry.

Upcoming dates for 2026 – the EMS Memorial is scheduled for May 19 and the Vital Signs Conference is scheduled for November 10 through 14 in Niagara Falls next year. The Director reported that this year's Vital Signs Conference in Syracuse was attended by more than 1200 EMS providers from around New York State. Also, the Part 800 equipment regulations go into effect this coming April of 2026. Also, there are two educational symposiums planned for next Spring – one Upstate and one here on Long Island – more information coming on that in the near future.

There are several new policy statements are posted on the website. The BLS supraglottic airway implementation policy, the EMS course funding policy and the independent CME recertification policy are important new policies that should be reviewed.

Also, the new blood administration for EMS agencies regulations are in the final stages of completion and should be ready for review and put out for public comment sometime early in 2026. And the performance standards guidelines are being worked on by both the Systems Committee and the Quality Improvement Committee and should be ready to be shared with the State Council at the next meetings in February.

Deputy Commissioner of Health, Dr Heslin attended the meetings of the State Council and he reported to both the SEMAC and the SEMSCO that as of December 2 influenza is highly prevalent in New York State along with many other States across the country and that vaccination is recommended to protect health care workers who are often exposed to persons with influenza. Dr Heslin also noted that the New York State DOH has applied for a rural health grant to assist rural areas in NYS with health care delivery of services. He also noted that there has been great support for initiatives to improve mental health resources across the state.

Dr Crupi from the EMS for Children group stated that the group has completed several educational video scenarios on the appropriate use of non-pharmacologic means of managing children and adolescents with behavioral agitation. These videos and materials should be ready for distribution in the next few months. The EMS for Children group is currently working with hospitals and EMS agencies across New York State on a procedural comfort project to minimize pain during procedures such as starting an IV or reducing a fracture.

The Systems Committee reviewed a CON appeal from one EMS agency in the Hudson Valley region who were denied a CON due to a lack of public need. The CON appeal was not supported by the Systems Committee who agreed with the Hudson Valley REMSCO. The Systems Committee also presented data on how many calls that EMT's in New York State responded to in 2024 over one year and that over 25,000 EMT's responded to less than 100 calls in the year, where over 19,000 EMT's responded to over 100 calls and just over 5,000 EMT's responded to over 1000 calls.

Medical Standards/Protocol Committee

The group discussed the NYS Collaborative protocol update for July 2026. There are 2 new OBGYN protocols one for hemorrhage for use of TXA and Oxytocin and one for preeclampsia with the use of Magnesium. The other additions are minor and include moving Onlanzapine to standing orders for the paramedic and moving PO acetaminophen and ibuprofen to the EMT-Basic. Push dose epinephrine for post-procedural hypotension and IM epinephrine for pediatric asthma for the EMT-Basic. Two new additions for the Advanced EMT include the administration of IV acetaminophen for relief of pain and IV or PO ondansetron for relief of nausea. The group also discussed the new RSI credentialing and minimum standards working group. I mentioned that there have been 5 regional policies posted on the Boardable platform and that a meeting is planned for January to discuss this. Currently RSI is performed under different credentialing requirements by the regional REMACs.

SEMAC

The SEMAC discussed bylaws changes about their Officer positions to have a Chair and Vice Chair officer positions for 2 year terms with no term limits if the SEMAC would like these officers to continue in their roles. This will be discussed at the next meeting of SEMAC in February. The SEMAC discussed that there is a Practical Skills Exam group that is working with the NYS DOH Division of EMS on a policy regarding the PSE. There was a report from the Office of Mental Health that they are working with the SEMAC and SEMSCO on the development of education and implementation of transportation to alternate destinations for patients with mental health issues as a means of addressing the mental health crisis. They noted that there is funding and support for more crisis centers to be opened around the State and the hope is that EMS and law enforcement can take patients directly to these specialty mental health facilities in the future – as opposed to taking them all to a local ER.

SEMAC discussed the Collaborative Protocol update for 2026 which is covered in the Med Standards part of this report. There will be a vote on the updated protocols at the February meetings of SEMAC and SEMSCO.

Dr Winslow presented a pilot project on the use of Keppra for status epilepticus patients. This was discussed with both the Medical Standards/Protocol Committee and with the SEMAC. The new Keppar project was discussed and approved already by the Suffolk and the Nassau County REMACs just prior to the meeting of State Council which was not enough time to have them formally discussed and voted on.

There was much support from the physicians on SEMAC for this project and Dr Dailey commented that the REMO REMAC would also like to participate. The proposed project materials were provided to the group and posted on the Boardable platform. They will be formally discussed and hopefully approved at the February meeting of Med Standards and SEMAC. The NYS DOH EMS Division was also given the materials on this pilot project for their review.

Dr Winslow asked the SEMAC and the Division of EMS for clarification on the updated Medical Director verification form DOH 4362 where language stating that regional REMAC approval and notification was removed. Director Greenberg commented that all medical director verification forms are being sent to the regional councils through the Program Agency for their notification. I suggested that they also be sent to the regional REMAC Chairs respectively and that this is particularly important with the new BLS SGA policy where regional REMACs will need to approve agencies policies and education and training of EMTs to use SGAs in cardiac arrest.

SEMSCO

First, there was a notification that there are several SEMSCO members whose 8 year terms (4 two-year terms) are going to expire at the end of 2025. There was an invitation to all SEMSCO members who are not expiring to be eligible for Officer positions. After some discussion, the new SEMSCO Officers for 2026 shall be Chair – Beth McGown, First Vice Chair – Tim Egan and Second Vice Chair – Al Kim. The current outgoing Chair – David Violante and First Vice Chair – Don Hudson were given a round of applause and thanks for their service to the SEMSCO. They were also given awards by NYSVARA President Henry Ehrhardt.

The above reports were once again discussed at SEMSCO. No new motions or business was conducted.



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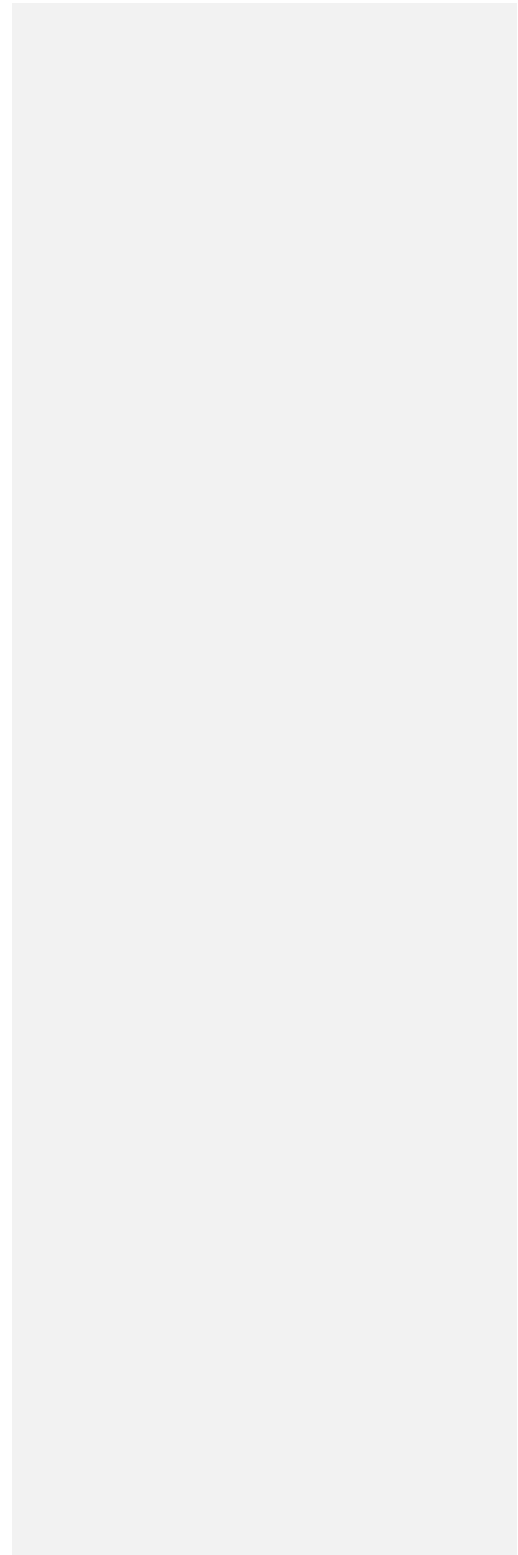
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BYLAWS OF THE SUFFOLK
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7 **ARTICLE I**

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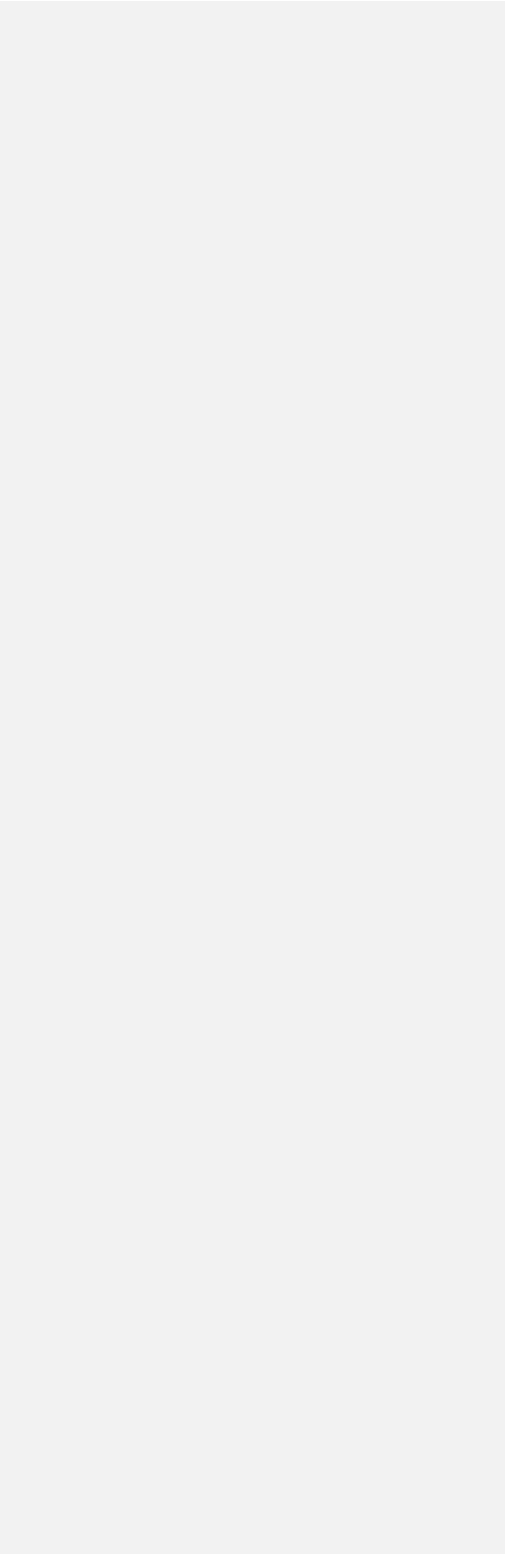
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11 ~~Suffolk Regional Emergency Medical Services Council~~, hereafter referred to as the "Council".

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14 **ARTICLE II**

15 **PURPOSE**

16 Section 1. The purpose of the Council shall be to carry out the responsibilities of a Regional Emergency Medical
17 Services Council as presently defined in Article 30 of the New York State Public Health Law or as it may be
18 amended in the future.

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20 These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- 21 a. Coordination of emergency medical services in the Region.
- 22 b. Making determinations of public need for the establishment or expansion of Ambulance or Advanced Life
23 Support First Response Services as provided in Article 30 of the Public Health Law.
- 24 c. Securing funding for program administration and the improvement of emergency medical services.
- 25 d. Developing and implementing policies consistent with a comprehensive emergency medical services system
26 within the Region.
- 27 e. Establishing and coordinating of emergency medical training programs within the Region.

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29 Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Council shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise
30 attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code section 501(h) or
31 participating in or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political
32 campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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34 Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Council is organized exclusively for one or
35 more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational
36 purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities
37 involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals,
38 as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ~~of 1954~~, and shall not carry on any activities not
39 permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) or
40 corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

41 **ARTICLE III**

42 **MEMBERSHIP**

43 Section 1. (a) The Regional Council shall be comprised of at least fifteen (15) but not more than thirty (30)
44 members. Not less than one third of the membership shall be representatives of ambulance services. The
45 members and their alternates will be drawn from residents of the region and shall be representative of any
46 existing County emergency medical care committees, Physicians, emergency nurses, hospitals, health planning
47 agencies, fire department emergency and rescue squads, public health officers, and the general public.

48 (b) Each member shall appoint an alternate who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Council. In
49 the event that the member is not in attendance at any meeting, the member's alternate shall have the right to
50 vote on all matters coming before the Council.

51 (c) Each member shall have the duty to serve on a minimum of at least one(1) committee, but no greater than
52 three (3) committees

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54 Section2. The term of office for Council members shall be four calendar years. Each term will begin on the first
55 of January. Members shall serve until their successors have been duly elected but for no longer than six (6)
56 months beyond their term. If a constituency organization or official fails to designate a nominee to fill the
57 vacant seat within the six (6) month period, the seat may be granted to another constituency by a majority of
58 those voting.

59 Section 3. Any midterm vacancy that may occur shall be filled by recommendation of the Nominations
60 Committee and election by a majority of those voting to fill the balance of the term. Nominations shall be
61 determined as in Sections 2 & 5 of this Article. Notice of such an election shall be included in the notice of the
62 meeting at which the election shall take place.

63 Section 4.

64 (a) Any member of the Council, or in their absence their alternates, who, without justification acceptable to
65 the Council, has missed more than half of the regular meetings in any calendar year, or has missed more than
66 three (3) consecutive meetings, will be deemed to have resigned from the Council. Such resignation shall be
67 acted upon at the Council's discretion. The Chair may waive the attendance requirement for members with
68 special or extenuating circumstances.

69 (b) Regular members must attend at least two regular meetings during the calendar year. Attendance by
70 alternates shall constitute acceptable representation for all other meetings.

71 (c) Members who meet the above attendance requirements and actively participate in at least one committee
72 will be considered "in good standing".

73 Section 5. At least six (6) months prior to the Annual meeting, the Council shall agree on the constituency of all
74 seats where the members' term is expiring. The Nominations Committee shall solicit a nominee from each
75 such constituency. In the absence of a constituency organization or official, the Nominations Committee shall
76 seek qualified individuals from whom to select a nominee or nominees.

77 Section 6. Election to membership shall take place at the Annual meeting each year, except as required to fill
78 mid term vacancies. The Nominations Committee shall report at the regular meeting ~~proceeding~~preceding the
79 annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made at the Annual meeting.

80 Section 7. Election to membership shall be by a majority of those voting at the Annual meeting or as provided
81 for in Section 3 of this Article.

82 Section 8. A constituency organization or official, which originally nominated an individual for membership on
83 the Council may request termination of that member's membership. Such a request may only be effective on
84 December 31st, of any given year. Any such request must be received by the Council Chairperson no later
85 than October 1st, to be effective the following December 31st.

86 Agreement of termination by the member shall be evidenced in writing or by failure to respond to the Council
87 within ten (10) calendar days following receipt of a "Notification of the Right to be Heard" which shall be
88 delivered by certified mail. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of such notification the member may
89 request, in writing, a meeting with the Executive Committee. Such a meeting shall be called by the Council
90 Chairperson not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the member's request. The Council
91 member in question, the constituency organization or official that nominated the member, and the Executive
92 Committee shall be notified of the time and place of the Executive Committee meeting no later than five (5)
93 calendar days prior to the meeting by certified mail.

94 Results of the meeting and the recommendation of the Council Executive Committee shall be reported to the
95 Council' at its next regular or special meeting. A majority vote of the elected members, or in their absence
96 their alternates, shall remove the individual from the Council. The member in question will be deemed to have
97 a conflict of interest and not be counted in the quorum or permitted to vote.

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ARTICLE IV

100 **OFFICERS**

101 Section 1. The officers of the Council shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, ~~Secretary~~/Treasurer and the
102 Representative to the State Council.

103 Section 2. Nominations to fill vacancy in any office shall be made by the Nominations Committee at the regular
104 meeting preceding the election. Additional nominations may be made at the election meeting.

105 Section 3. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, ~~Secretary~~/Treasurer shall be elected by a written majority of
106 those voting at the Annual meeting each year to serve one year or until their successors have been duly
107 elected. Their terms of office shall begin on the first day of the following calendar year. To be elected, a
108 nominee must be an elected member, in good standing, of the Council whose term of membership is equal to,
109 or exceeds, the officer's term.

110 Section 4. The Representative to the State Council, and the alternate, shall be elected by a written majority of
111 those voting at a meeting which will permit their names to be presented to the New York State Health
112 Commissioner no later than the first of October before their proposed appointment. They shall serve for two
113 (2) years or until a successor has been duly elected by the Council and appointed by the Commissioner.

114 To be elected, a nominee must be an elected member of the Council whose term of membership is equal to, or
115 exceeds, the officer's term.

116 Section 5. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any office unless a majority of the
117 elected members, or in their absence their alternates, vote to approve a successive term(s).

118 Section 6. The Chairperson shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Council. The Chairperson
119 shall conduct all meetings in accordance with generally accepted parliamentary procedure (Article VIII) and
120 provide all members the opportunity to express their views. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of
121 the Chairperson in the latter's absence.

122 The functions of the ~~Secretary~~/Treasurer will be responsible for financial affairs of the Council which includes
123 the following:

- 124 a) Works with the finance committee and executive board to develop a budget.
- 125 b) Keeps the books of the corporation and ensures the financial records are accurate and up-to-date.
- 126 c) Provides financial reports to the Membership and Board ensuring that spending aligns with the
127 corporation mission and budget.

- 128 d) Ensures internal controls are in place to manage risks and compliance with financial regulations and/or
129 state requirements.
- 130 e) Provides corporate records in a timely fashion to approved auditing/tax preparation firm(s) as
131 required. The task of keeping the rolls of membership, taking the minutes of the meeting, and carrying
132 out all correspondence of the Council will be handled by a designee appointed by the Chair.

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133 The Representative to the State Council will attend all State Emergency Medical Services Council meetings and
134 vote in the best interests of the Council. The Representative will submit a written report to the Council
135 concerning all matters brought before the State Council. In the absence of the Representative, the alternate
136 shall assume these responsibilities.

137 Section 7. In the event of a vacancy in any office, it shall be announced at a regular meeting and an election, to
138 fill the balance of the term, shall be held at the next regular meeting. Nominations shall be made as in Section
139 2 of this Article. Notice of such an election shall be included in the notice of the meeting at which the election
140 shall take place. Such partial terms shall not be considered as a term of office for the purposes of Section 5 of
141 this Article.

143 STAFF

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144 Section 1. A recording secretary, of non-voting status, shall be appointed by the Chairperson, for a term of
145 one(1) year, with no term limits.

146 a) The recording secretary is responsible for documenting meetings, maintaining records, and ensuring
147 effective communication within the organization.

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148 b) Key Responsibilities

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149 1. Agenda Preparation: Collaborate with leadership to prepare and distribute the meeting agenda prior to
150 meetings.

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151 2. Minute Taking: Accurately record discussions, decisions, and assigned action items during meetings.

152 This includes capturing the essence of discussions without personal opinions.

153 3. Attendance Tracking: Keep an accurate record of participants present at each meeting.

154 4. Document Management: Maintain and archive all meeting minutes and related documents for future
155 reference. This includes organizing past minutes and ensuring they are easily accessible.

156 5. Minutes Distribution: Distribute the finalized meeting minutes promptly to all stakeholders, ensuring
157 that everyone is informed of decisions made and actions required.

158 6. Facilitation Support: Assist in ensuring that meetings run smoothly and adhere to the agenda, helping
159 to keep discussions on track.

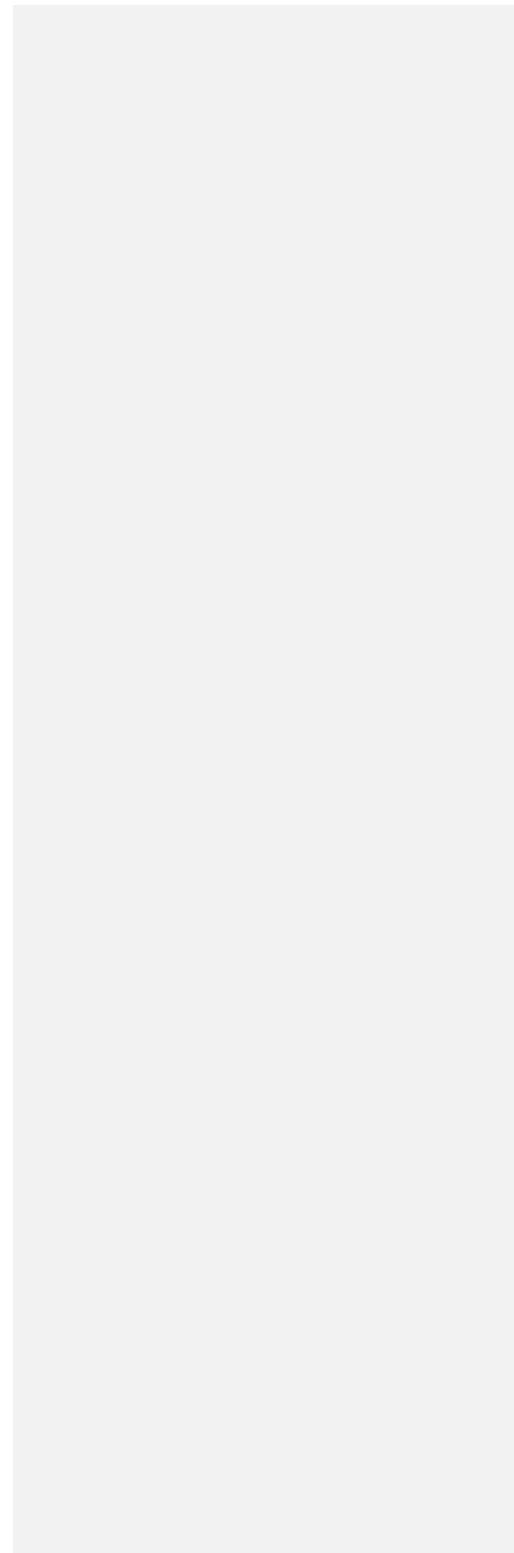
160 7. Legal Compliance: Understand and adhere to the legal implications of documentation, ensuring that all
161 records meet organizational and legal standards.

162 8. Correspondence of the Council: Will record all incoming and outgoing correspondence and will carry
163 out all correspondence under the direction of the Chairperson or other officer of the corporation.

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165 Section 2. Public Information Officer shall be appointed by the Chairperson, for a term of one (1) year, with no
166 term limits. This position will be a voting member of the Communications/Technology Committee. They will
167 be the primary contact for public dissemination of pertinent information that has been directed by the Council
168 Chair. Additional responsibilities include assisting with the scheduling and arrangement of public ceremonies
169 sponsored by the Council.

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ARTICLE V

171 **MEETINGS**

172 Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Council will be the last regular meeting of each calendar year.

173 Section 2. The Council shall meet at least bi-monthly, on dates to be determined by the Chairperson. All
174 meetings shall be open to the public.

175 Section 3. A special meeting may be called by the Chairperson or by written request of one-third of the elected
176 members to the Chairperson. The meeting shall be held within ten (10) days of such written request. All
177 Council members shall receive written notice of the meeting at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The notice
178 of the meeting shall include the matters to be considered and no other business may be conducted.

179 Section 4. The operating year of the Council will be from ~~April 1 to March 31~~ July 1 – June 30.

180 Section 5. The presence of a majority of members (or in their absence, their alternate) shall constitute a
181 quorum. One third of the Council's elected members, or in their absence, their alternates, shall constitute a
182 ~~quorum.~~ Members voted as being in conflict on any specific issue shall not be counted in the quorum. No
183 official business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

184 Section 6. Actions of the Council shall be based on a majority vote of the members, ~~(or in their absence their~~
185 ~~alternates),~~ voting ~~(excluding blanks and abstentions)~~ except as required by these Bylaws.

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ARTICLE VI

187 COMMITTEES

188 Section 1. Executive Committee:

189 a) The Council shall empower an Executive Committee to act with full authority in its behalf between regular
190 meetings of the Council. The Committee shall meet in person or engage in simultaneous discussion (e.g.,
191 conference call or virtual meeting) or combination of before taking any action.

192 ~~—The Council Chair or Vice Chair must be present at any Executive Committee meeting and the presence of
193 half of the Executive committee is required to constitute a quorum.~~

194 c) The proceedings and actions of the Executive Committee shall be recorded and reported to the Council at
195 its next regular meeting.

196 d) The Executive Committee will consist of the Council Officers and the Chairpersons of the Council's eight (8)
197 standing committees ~~except and the representative~~ for the REMAC, which will be represented on the
198 Executive Committee by the REMAC representative to the Regional Council. In the event a standing
199 committee Chairperson is a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of being an Officer of the
200 Council, the Council Chairperson, with the approval of a majority of those voting shall appoint a member
201 of the Council to the Executive Committee to fill the vacant seat.

202 Section 2. Standng Committees

203 The Council shall have eight (8) Standing Committees whose general responsibilities shall include, but not
204 limited to, the following:

205 ~~1) Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee Per Article 30, Section 3004-A 1. & 2.~~

206 ~~A. Membership will consist of voting and non-voting members approved by the Regional Emergency Medical
207 Services Council. The membership of the REMAC shall consist of:~~

208 ~~1. Voting members:~~

209 ~~Two representative Physicians with active staff privileges from each of the hospitals located in Suffolk County
210 who shall be elected for a four (4) year term.~~

211 ~~The Medical Director of the Suffolk County Emergency Medical Services System.~~

212 ~~A limit of eight (8) Physician members at large who shall be elected for a two (2) year term.~~

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214 ~~2. Non-voting members:~~

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215 ~~Representatives of each of the following; Hospitals, Basic Life Support Providers, Advanced Life Support~~
216 ~~Providers, Emergency Medical Services training sponsor Medical Directors, and Emergency Nurses all of whom~~
217 ~~shall be elected for two year terms.~~

218 ~~ALS Medical Control console administrative supervisor.~~

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220 ~~3. There will be no more than three (3) Physicians from any hospital.~~

221 ~~4. If a member of the REMAC is absent from three (3) consecutive REMAC meetings, the Chair of the REMAC~~
222 ~~has the authority to remove that member from the REMAC.~~

223 ~~B. Chairperson~~

224 ~~The membership of the REMAC will elect a Chairperson by a majority vote to a two (2) year term. No person~~
225 ~~shall succeed themselves as Chairperson.~~

226 a) 2) Communications/Technology Committee – Reviews communications issues in the Region such as
227 frequency coordination, outside interference’s, web page, social media, electronic resources, etc.

228 b) 3) Education and Training Committee – reviews all matters related to EMS education and training in the
229 Region. Address issues of course content and instruction. Promotes the concept of an EMS System to
230 the general public. Develops and distributes an EMS Newsletter and Update for providers as well as
231 other materials for distribution to the public. All course sponsors will be invited to membership on this
232 committee.

233 c) 4) Legislative Committee – Reviews pending legislation before the State Legislature. Reviews issues and
234 makes recommendations for possible additional legislation. ~~Reviews proposed Bylaw amendments and~~
235 ~~makes recommendations. Conducts a comprehensive review of the Bylaws each even numbered year.~~

236 d) 5) Resource Needs Committee – Reviews applications for new ambulance services in the Region.
237 Makes recommendations to the Council concerning certifying the need for such additional services.

238 e) 6) Finance Committee – Prepares the Council’s annual budget, with in put from the Treasurer and

239 Executive Board, for approval, prior to the start of the corporate fiscal year.; ~~oversees and reports at~~

240 ~~each Council meeting on the implementation of the budget. Membership must include the Council~~

241 ~~Treasurer. Completes an independent audit of the both the policies and procedures pertaining to the~~

242 ~~funds of the corporation as well as an audit of the books of the corporation by the end of February~~

243 ~~each year. The results of the audit will be presented to the membership at the next General~~

244 ~~Membership meeting.~~

245 f) 7) Performance Improvement Committee - The Goal of the Committee is to develop goals against
246 which agencies can measure themselves and develop programs and procedures to enable them to

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247 meet the established goals. It is further charged with the developing of the process for the monitoring,
248 the managing and investigating of issues arising from the failure to obtain and/or maintain these goals

249 g) ~~9)~~Nominations Committee - There shall be a Nominations Committee of at least ~~five (5)~~three (3)
250 Council members appointed by the Council Chairperson with the approval of a majority of those
251 voting. The Nominations Committee shall make recommendations to the Council for Council
252 membership in such cases where there is no identifiable organization or official to represent a given
253 constituency. The Nominations Committee shall solicit membership nominations from constituency
254 organizations or officials. The Nominations Committee shall nominate an individual or individuals to
255 serve in any elected office at such times as that office becomes vacant.

256 h) Bylaw Committee -Conducts a comprehensive review of the Bylaws on an annual basis. Reviews all
257 proposed Bylaw amendments and makes recommendations to the Council. They also will serve as a
258 resource for interpretation of these bylaws as requested by the membership.

259 Section3. With the approval of a majority of those voting, the Chairperson may appoint ad hoc committees
260 and subcommittees as needed for the effective discharge of the Council's responsibilities.

261 Section 4. Council members shall be appointed to the standing committees of their choice,~~except to the~~
262 ~~REMAC,~~ by the Council Chairperson. Council members shall serve on not less than a minimum of one (1)
263 committee and not more than three (3) committees unless approved to do so by a majority of those voting.

264 Section 5. The Council Chairperson shall have the sole authority to appoint and remove the Chairperson
265 and/or committee members of all committees except as provided by these Bylaws.

266 Section 6. With the approval of the Council, the Council Chairperson may appoint to voting membership on
267 any committee (Standing, ad hoc or subcommittee), other than the Nominations Committee ~~and the REMAC,~~
268 persons who are not members of the Council. The Chairperson of all committees, and at least one other
269 member,~~except REMAC,~~ must be Council members. All duly appointed committee members shall be voting
270 members of the committee(s) to which they have been appointed. Council alternates may serve on
271 committees, however the constituency represented is entitled to only one (1) vote for matters at the
272 committee level. The limit of only one (1) vote by a constituency represented also applies to persons who are
273 not members of the Council.

274 Section 7. All committee actions, with the exception of the Executive ~~and REMAC,~~ require the approval of the
275 Council.

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277 REGIONAL MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (REMAC)

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278 Section 1. The Suffolk County REMAC is an advisory committee to the Suffolk County REMSCO and is formed as
279 per N.Y. Public Health Law Section 3004 A. and will fulfill its obligations under this law.

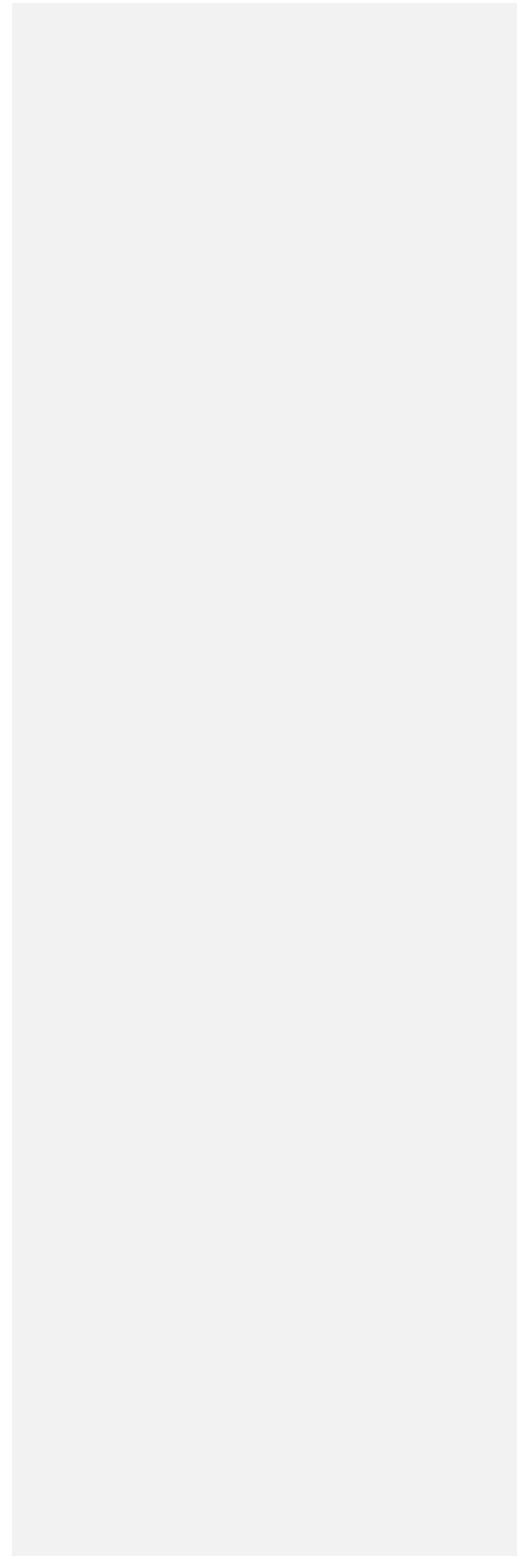
280 Section 2. REMAC will maintain its own set of Bylaws and member requirements and any change, once
281 approved by its members will be brought to Council for final approval. See Appendix A

282 Section 3. REMAC will have a permanent seat as a member of the Council and their representative will be a
283 member of the executive committee.

284 Section 4. As per N.Y. Public Health Law Section 3003,3,l all nominees for the regional medical advisory
285 committee must be approved by the Council.

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ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

289 Section 1: The Bylaws may be amended by the Council. ~~Any such amendment may be made~~ at a regular or
290 special meeting of the Council, at which a quorum is present, by a majority vote of the elected members, or in
291 their absence their alternates and have met the following requirements:

292 a) ~~provided that~~ the text of the proposed amendment ~~was read aloud and shall have had been~~
293 provided ~~in writing~~ at the previous regular meeting.

294 b) A copy of the presented amendment must be sent to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to
295 voting on such.

296 c) The amendment must also be ~~and~~ included in the notice of the meeting ~~at which the amendment of~~
297 the meeting at which the amendment will be voted.

298 d) Any amendment made, which might conflict with Chapter 1053 and Chapter 1054 of the New York
299 State Public Health Law or the policies of the State Emergency Medical Services Council with respect to
300 the activities of the Regional Council, shall be referred to the State Council for approval or comment.

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302 Section 2: Any alterations in the by-laws of this organization, internal management, or rules and regulations
303 governing the exercise of its powers and the fulfillment of its purposes under N.Y. Public Health Law Section
304 3003; such rules and regulations will also be filed with the secretary of state and the state EMS council.

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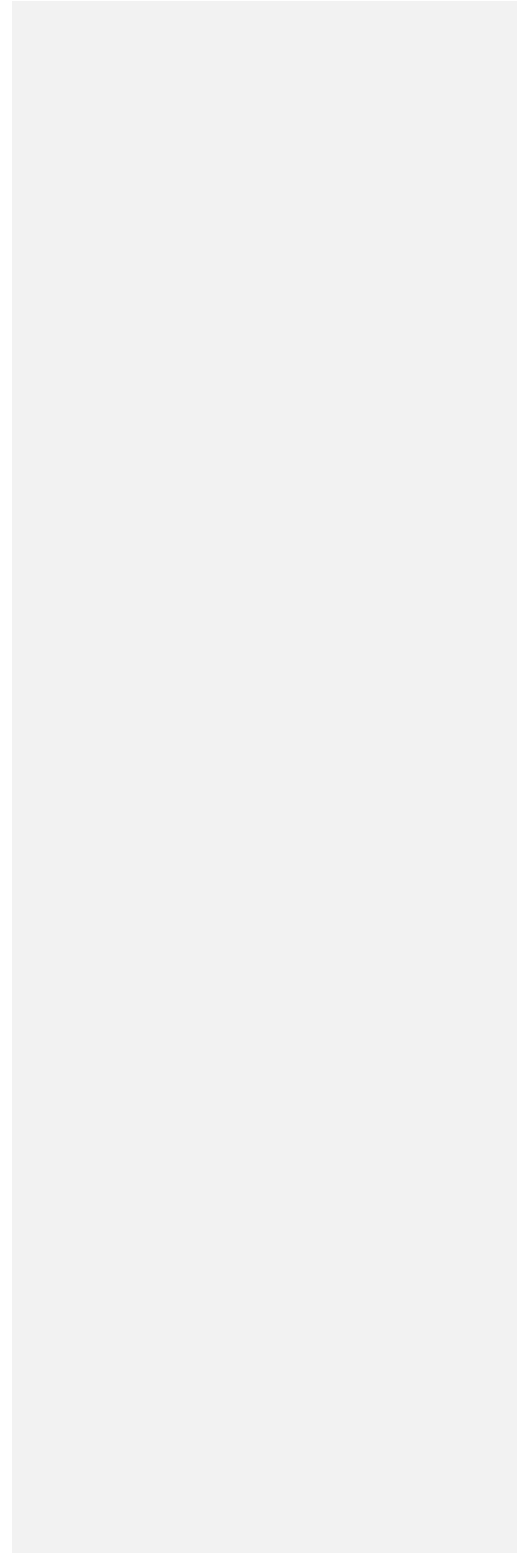
ARTICLE VIII

307 **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

308 The most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern, except as they be inconsistent with these
309 Bylaws.

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ARTICLE IX

312 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

313 Section 1. No member or their alternate of the Council or of a committee, nor staff, shall use their affiliation
314 with the Council for personal gain.

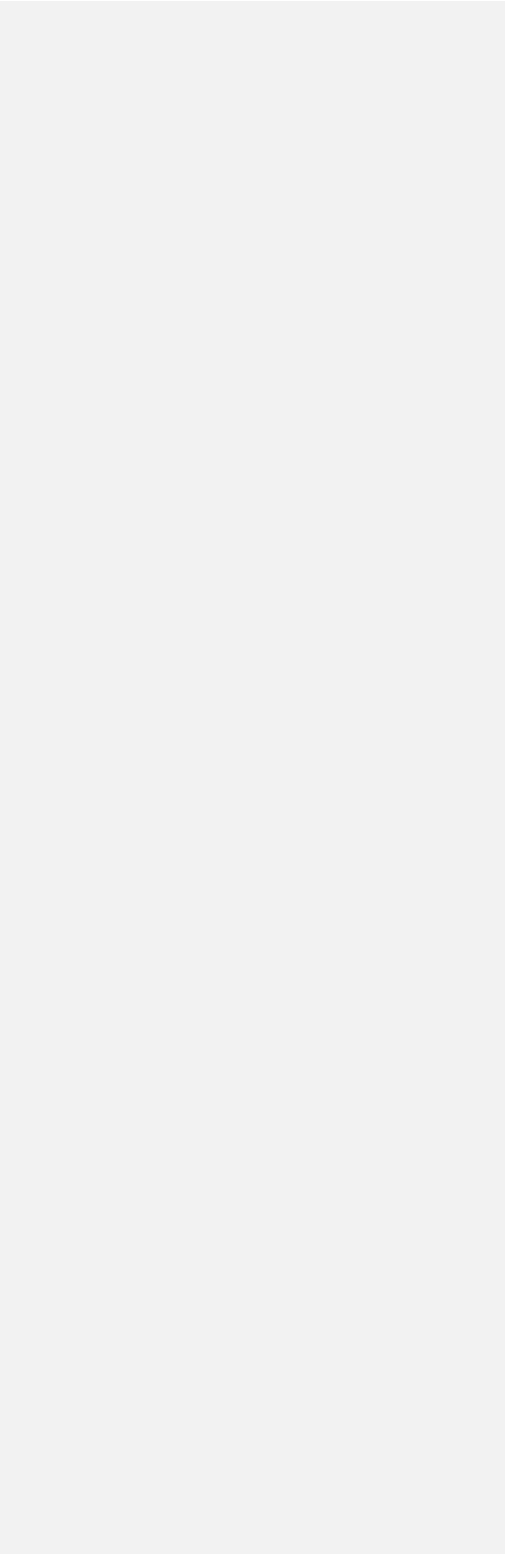
315 Section 2. A conflict of interest may exist when a member may directly benefit or lose financially, or in another
316 way, from an action of the Council. .

317 Section 3. Any member or their alternate confronted with a possible conflict of interest shall disclose same to
318 the Council. Any person present, Council member, staff or public, may raise a question of conflict of interest.

319 Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, a majority of those voting shall determine if a conflict of interest
320 exists. The member in question shall not be excluded from this vote.

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ARTICLE X

323 **NON-INVUREMENT & DISSOLUTION**

324 Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Council shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director,
325 officer of the Council or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services
326 rendered to or for the Council), and no member, trustee, officer of the Council or any private individual shall be
327 entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets on the dissolution of the Council.

328 Section 2. In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the Council shall after
329 necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501 (c)(3) of the
330 Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal
331 Government, or to State or local government, for public purposes.

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